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For: CHEWING GUM HAVING IMPROVED RELEASE OF CHEWING GUM INGREDIENTS

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexander, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action, dated October 22, 2008, please consider the following remarks. This Amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request this response be considered by the Examiner and a timely Notice of Allowance issued in this application.

Also submitted concurrently is a petition for a two month extension to extend the time for response from January 22, 2009 to March 22, 2009. Payment for the required amount for the extension and RCE is by authorized credit card. The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Frost Brown Todd LLC Deposit Account No. 06-2226.

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